



WHITE-LIPPED PECCARY  
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(*Pecari à lèvres blanches* (F). *Tayassu* is of Indian origin, meaning "gnawer of roots."

"Peccary" is from the Tupi (Brazil) *pecari* for "an animal which makes many paths through the woods."

**DESCRIPTION** Shoulder height 20-24 inches (51-61 cm). Weight 55-85 pounds (25-39 kg). Both sexes are similar in size.

Considerably larger than collared peccary. General coloration is dark reddish-brown to grayish-black. The upper lips and lower jaw is white (hence the common name), as are the throat and rump.

**BEHAVIOR** Highly gregarious, in herds of up to 100 or more. More aggressive than the collared peccary, and with a larger proportion of meat in its diet. May take the offensive against predators if attacked. Less sedentary than the collared peccary.

Both diurnal and nocturnal. In some areas, shares habitat with the collared peccary. Hunting is mainly accomplished by sitting in blinds at water holes located in the jungle

**HABITAT** Tropical forests, both moist and dry.

**DISTRIBUTION**

Northern parts of South America (excluding the Andes mountains) as far south as northeastern Argentina.

Also throughout Central America and extending into southern Mexico.

**TAXONOMIC NOTES** Several subspecies are listed in South America, with only minor differences. They are combined here.

